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Sir:

Applicants in the aforementioned matter petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, Paper Number 12, for two months from March 30, 2004, to May 30, 2004.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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AUTHORIZATION

Applicants believe there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Serge Sira", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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